

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of killing, inactivating or repelling nematodes, which comprises the addition of an effective amount of loquat kernel.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the loquat kernel is used as a nematicide.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the loquat kernel is used against plant parasitic nematodes.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the loquat kernel is used as a selective nematicide for plant parasitic nematodes.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the loquat kernel is used as a selective treatment for nematodes over fungi.
6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the loquat kernel is used in ground, chopped, freeze dried or spray dried form or in the form of an extract.
7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the kernel is used in the form of an extract in water.
8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the kernel is used in the form of an extract in an organic solvent.
9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the solvent is ethanol.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein all soluble components from the loquat kernel are used.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein all water-soluble components from the loquat kernel are used.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein all organic solvent-soluble components from the loquat kernel are used.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein all ethanol-soluble components from the loquat kernel are used.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the loquat kernel is in ground form.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 14, wherein the kernel has been ground so as to pass through a 5mm sieve but such that 50% or more of the ground kernel would not pass through a 0.1mm sieve.

16. (Original) A method of killing, inactivating or repelling nematodes, which method comprises providing loquat kernel and applying the loquat kernel to the nematodes or to an area where the nematodes are likely to exist or to an area to where the nematodes are expected to move.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the method comprises providing the loquat kernel in ground, chopped, freeze dried or spray dried form or in the form of an extract.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein the method comprises providing the kernel in the form of an extract in water.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein the method comprises providing the kernel in the form of an extract in an organic solvent.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein the solvent is ethanol.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 16, wherein all soluble components from the loquat kernel are provided.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein the loquat kernel is provided in ground form.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the nematodes are plant parasitic nematodes.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the nematodes are root knot nematodes.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the method comprises applying loquat kernel to a growing medium in an area where nematodes are believed to exist or to a growing medium in an area to where nematodes are expected to move.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein the loquat kernel is applied to or mixed with a growing medium that is to have plants planted in it or is applied to or mixed with a growing medium that has plants planted in it.

27. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) A nematicide product comprising loquat kernel and a pesticidally acceptable solvent, carrier, excipient or diluent in a container, wherein the container is labeled as containing a nematicide.

28. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) The nematicide product of Claim 27, which comprises all soluble components of loquat kernel.

29. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) The nematicide product of Claim 27, which comprises all water-soluble components of loquat kernel.

30. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) The nematicide product of Claim 27, which comprises all ethanol-soluble components of loquat kernel.

31. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) The nematicide product of Claim 27, which comprises 10g/l of loquat kernel or more.

32. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) The nematicide product of Claim 27, wherein the pesticide nematicide product comprises loquat kernel in ground, chopped, freeze dried or spray dried form or in the form of an extract.

33. (Currently Amended and Withdrawn) A method of producing a nematicide product, which method comprises providing ground, chopped, freeze dried or spray dried loquat kernel in a container, wherein the container is labeled as containing a nematicide.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 33, which comprises providing ground loquat kernel.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 34, which further comprises taking extracts of the ground loquat kernel.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 35, wherein the extract is in water.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 35, wherein the extract is in ethanol.